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Blackstone edited, rearranged and abridged by Professor Ballantine, formerly of the University of California. The juxtaposition of the easily flowing style and conventional philosophy of Blackstone with the brief nervous expression and the severely rational and scientific method of Professor Ballantine produces a peculiar feeling of incongruity, like combining a medieval cathedral with a modern office building. This rewritten Blackstone supplies a need of the twentieth century no better than Blackstone would have supplied the eighteenth had he edited Bracton or Hale instead of writing a book on the law of his own time. A perusal of this volume will it is believed, leave many readers unconvinced that the work fulfills the function claimed for it by its publishers,—a scientific introduction to the common law system as proposed by Dr. Redlich in his report to the Carnegie foundation.

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## Books Received

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VOTING TRUSTS. By Harry A. Cushing. The Macmillan Company, 64-66 Fifth Ave., New York. 1915. pp. iv, 226. \$1.50.

THE LAW OF AUTOMOBILES. By Xenophon P. Huddy. 4th edition. Matthew Bender & Company, 511-513 Broadway, Albany, New York. 1916. pp. xxviii, 516.

AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH PROTECTION. By Henry B. Hemenway. The Bobbs-Merrill Company, Indianapolis, Ind. pp. ix, 283. \$1.25 net.

CALIFORNIA CORPORATIONS. TREATISE. ANNOTATED CORPORATION LAWS. FORMS. By Fabius M. Clarke. Bender-Moss Company, 11 City Hall Ave., San Francisco, Cal. 1916. pp. xxxix, 916. \$7.50 net.